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Mr. William P. Lovely, Jr. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency EPA New England One Congress Street, Suite 1100 (MC HBO) Boston, Massachusetts 02114-2023

Re: GE-Pittsfield/Housatonic River Site

Former Oxbow Areas A and C (GECD410)

Revision to Second Addendum to Final Removal Design/Removal Action Work Plan

Dear Mr. Lovely:

On April 14, 2006, the General Electric Company (GE) submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) a Second Addendum to Final Removal Design/Removal Action Work Plan for Former Oxbow Areas A and C (Second Work Plan Addendum), which proposed revised soil removal limits at certain of the properties within the Former Oxbow Areas A and C Removal Action Area (RAA). As described in that document, GE proposed soil removal/replacement actions at Parcels I8-23-4, I8-23-5, and I8-23-9 so as to achieve the Performance Standards for residential properties. (Since Parcels I8-23-4 and I8-23-5 are included in this RAA solely for the purpose of addressing PCBs, the proposed actions were shown to achieve the residential Performance Standards for PCBs.) In a letter dated May 31, 2006, EPA provided conditional approval of the Second Work Plan Addendum. In that letter, EPA directed GE to consider expanding, subject to constructability considerations, the soil removal limits shown on Technical Drawing 3 of the Second Work Plan Addendum to include the paved areas on Parcel I8-23-9 associated with eight soil sample locations (RAA11-T2, SB-415, SB-416, SB-417, SB-418, SB-419, SB-420, and SB-421) and the paved area on Parcel I8-23-9 associated with sample location RAA11-T10.5. That letter further directed GE to submit a revised Technical Drawing 3 that addresses the above condition within 14 days.

As demonstrated in the Second Work Plan Addendum, the remediation proposed therein would achieve the applicable residential Performance Standard for PCBs at Parcel I8-23-5 and those for PCBs and other constituents at Parcel I8-23-9. However, in response to EPA's May 31, 2006 letter, GE has elected to expand the proposed soil removal limits to include the top foot of soil beneath the pavement in the following areas (to the extent feasible based on the existence of on-site structures and equipment): (1) the paved areas on Parcel I8-23-5 that are associated with the soil samples within the top foot at locations RAA11-T2 and SB-415 through SB-421, as well as locations SB-308 and RAA11-X4; and (2) the paved area on Parcel I8-23-9 associated with the 0- to 1-foot soil sample at location RAA11-T10.5. This will involve the removal of an additional approximately 115 cubic yards (cy) of soil from the 0- to 1-foot depth increment – approximately 100 cy at Parcel I8-23-5 and approximately 15 cy at Parcel I8-23-9. A revised Technical Drawing 3 (Excavation Limits) showing the revised soil removal limits is attached to this letter.

Please call me if you have any questions or comments regarding this revision.

Sincerely,

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Remediation Project Manager

Attachment

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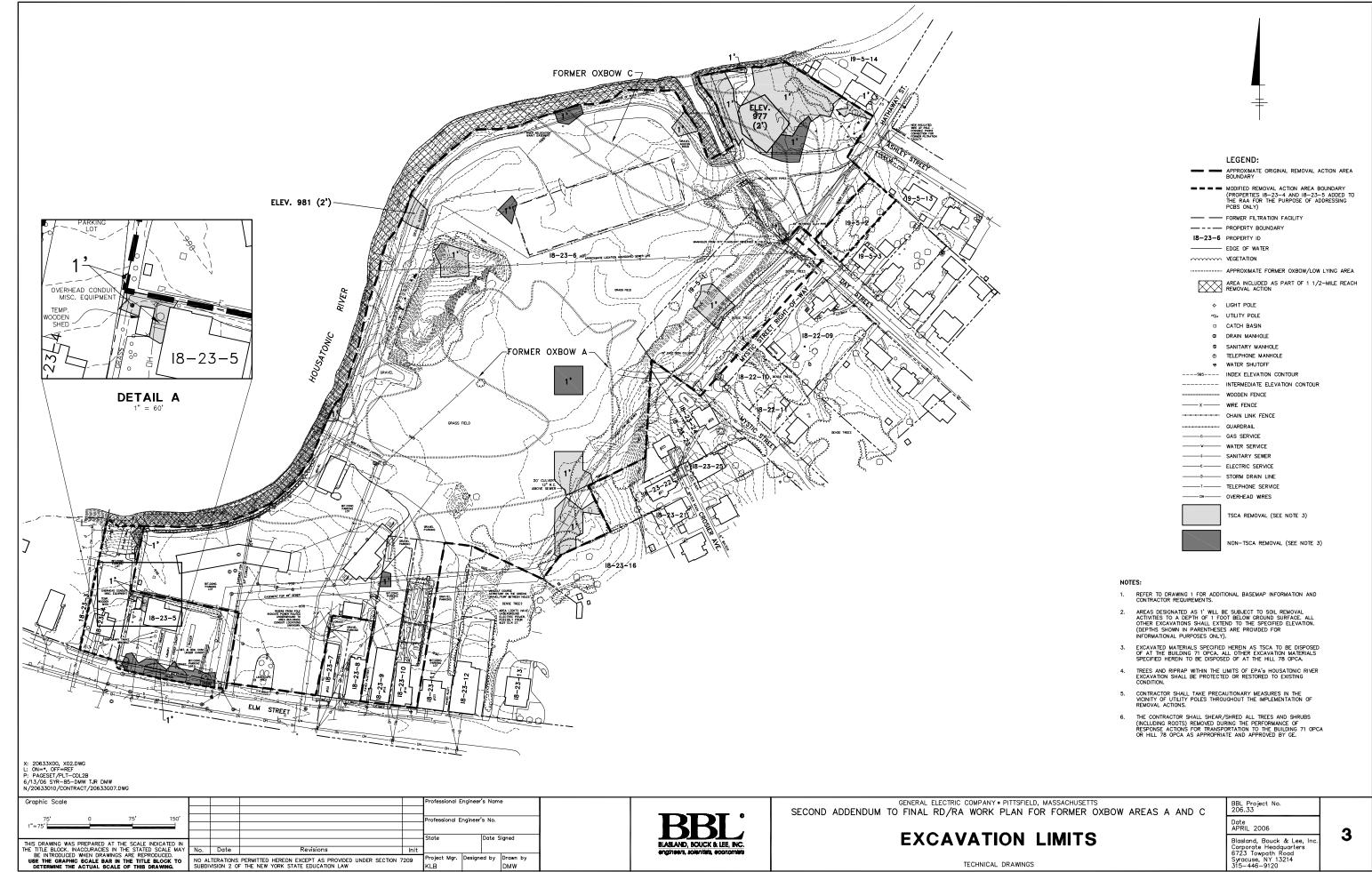
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